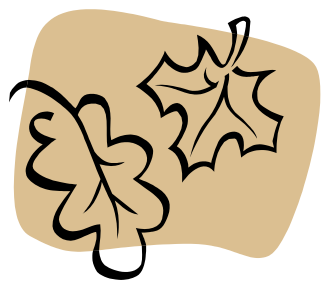


Butano State Park

General Plan Highlights

Natural and Physical Resources

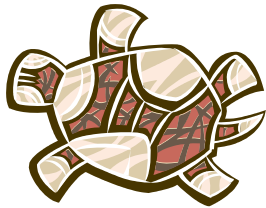
*Protect, restore, and
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- **Manage park resources as an ecosystem**, maintaining the natural processes, abundance, and diversity of plants and animals.
- **Protect special status species** and implement appropriate management for those species with known threats or identified as at risk.
- **Implement vegetation and habitat restoration** programs (such as revegetation, facility relocation, or fenced enclosures) at disturbed sites.
- **Use biotechnical methods** (such as brush layers, pole plantings, geotextiles) where possible for embankment stabilization and stream restoration.
- **Control and/or eradicate the invasive non-native plants** that are most invasive and detrimental in the park.
- **Continue to coordinate** with the CA Dept. of Fish and Game and US Fish and Wildlife Service toward the long-term survival and recovery of the Santa Cruz Mts. marbled murrelet population.
- **Identify management actions** that can reduce or avoid negative human impacts to slope and stream integrity and water quality.

Cultural Resources

Identify, protect, and preserve significant historic and archaeological resources



- **Conduct a comprehensive inventory** of historical-period resources in the park.
- **Preserve and protect** those resources found to be eligible for listing the National Register of Historic Places or California Register of Historical Resources. Develop treatment recommendations for significant historic structures and identify compatible and non-compatible uses.
- **Survey, record, and evaluate** areas of high probability for prehistoric archaeological sites.
- **Protect significant prehistoric sites** through identification, preservation, and avoidance.

Recreation

Provide a variety of recreation and visitor opportunities



- **Provide additional trail camps** in backcountry locations to accommodate small and large groups.
- **Provide group picnic and camping facilities** and ADA-compliant recreational facilities where possible.
- **Consider emerging forms of recreation** such as geocaching and letterboxing and evaluate their potential impacts and benefits.
- **Provide facilities and programs that enhance enjoyment** of the park's natural, cultural, recreational, and scenic resources.

Trails

Provide a trail system that offers a variety of experiences



- **Retain and improve** existing trails.
- **Connect to the surrounding regional trail** and open space network.
- **Establish a trailhead and trail connection** through Año Nuevo State Park to the coastline.
- **Coordinate with the Peninsula Open Space Trust** on trail connections to the Cloverdale Coastal Ranches property.
- **Continue use of the fire roads** as a multi-use (hiking, mountain bike, equestrian) trail system.
- **Manage trail use to minimize impacts** on resources and adjacent private properties.

Regional Partnerships

Integrate park planning and management with regional programs to achieve an integrated network of regional public open space



- **Coordinate with area partners** on regional open space management, sensitive resource protection and habitat linkages, recreation, trail networks, and interpretation.
- **Collaborate with educational and research organizations** to increase the public's and park management knowledge of the regional resources.
- **Coordinate the park's operations and maintenance programs** with other state parks in the Santa Cruz Mountains.

Park access and development

Provide efficient, well-designed facilities and safe park access



- **Improve park circulation and access** for pedestrians, vehicles, bicycles, and equestrians.
- **Develop additional picnic sites and day use parking** to accommodate large and small groups.
- **Incorporate sustainable design principles** into park design, development, operations, and maintenance.
- Use **natural, renewable, indigenous, and recyclable materials** and **energy efficient** design.
- Make park facilities **universally accessible**.

Interpretation

Increase visitor understanding, appreciation, protection and enjoyment of the park's natural, cultural, and recreational resources



- **Broaden the interpretive information and themes** at the visitor center to include the park's cultural history.
- **Develop an overlook and provide wetland interpretive information** near the wetlands in the Goat Hill area.
- Interpret the story of the **Jackson Flats homestead**.
- Interpret the resources related to the site of the **historic sawmill at Gazos Mountain Camp**.
- Research and develop opportunities to **coordinate and partner with other nearby interpretation and education providers**.
- **Key topics for interpretation** include the logging industry, homesteading, the recovery of the second-growth redwood forest, species of special concern, park resource protection, and recreation opportunities.

Park Operations

Provide effective and efficient park management



- **Coordinate with Cal Fire and other agencies** to ensure emergency vehicle access and adequate emergency response measures.
- **Upgrade structures** for fire safety and functionality.
- **Use low or zero emission maintenance equipment and vehicles** for park operations when possible.